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# Cover Story

THE ORTHODOX FESTIVAL OF EASTER OBSERVED. Pictured on the cover is the start of the Procession of the Burial of Christ, as re-enacted in Eastern Orthodox tradition annually the world-over, in the Greek Orthodox Church of Annunciation, Winston-Salem, N.C. The burial of Jesus Christ takes place at the evening Good Friday services. The crucified Christ, taken down from the Cross at the 9th Hour (3 p.m.), was then entombed. In the Orthodox Church, the services re-enact this drama of His last days; while the 'winding sheet' (epitaph - a pictorial representation of 'Christ entombed') lays in view in the Church, the people approach it to render their individual, reverential memorial and testimony. Following this, at eventide, the service becomes a procession, which forms at the altar (as shown on cover). With the altar boys leading, followed by cross-bearer, choir, priest, ark-of-burial, and lastly the congregation, carrying lighted tapers, the procession goes around the boundaries of the church (this symbolizing the trip to the tomb). In the next photo (turn to page 23), it can be seen that the ark, or sepulchre, is covered with flowers, which are love-offerings from the whole community.

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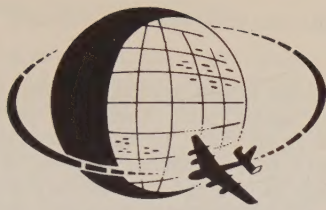
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# AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE CHURCH

## FOREIGN

**CELEBRATION OF EASTER IN ORTHODOX LANDS OVERSEAS.** Easter Sunday celebration in the various national Churches of Orthodox lands, such as Russia, Greece, Egypt, is a time for remembrance of age-old customs and traditions; many of which ante-date the coming of the Christian Church.

In Egypt, for instance, the day of 'sham el nessim' (day of the 'smelling of the sweet breeze') is observed by millions, who head for the ancient banks of the Nile to enjoy the spring; as a part of this enjoyment, families purchase stalks of green onions, which are broken open and the odor inhaled, as well as the onion being eaten. The reason for this is that the raw onion is a special symbol of spring, just as the Easter egg is elsewhere. Both Moslem and Christian had common agreement in this tradition of 'smelling the sweet breeze' and partaking of the onion; as a result, the day is a public holiday that always occurs the Monday after Easter. The ancient origin of the day comes from the God Osiris, who gave life to all seeds; Osiris is the symbol of immortality.

In Greece, Good Friday finds great import, for on this day the procession of the 'Epitaph' (symbolic 'winding sheet' of Christ) is carried around the boundaries of each parish, in an 'ark' (symbolic of the 'ark of the covenant'); following it are all the men, women, and children of the church, all carrying lighted tapers. This is followed Saturday night by the Resurrection Service, when the traditional 'Christ is Risen' is intoned by all. On Easter Sunday proper, of course, the lamb is roasted on spits, in the open, with much merry making and dancing. These family lambs are bought well ahead of time, each being marked with a patch of red paint on the head; in addition to the lambs, brightly colored Easter eggs and tasty cakes are traditional.

In Russia, unfortunately, the government is determined to 'do away' with the Church, if possible, and substitute State-controlled 'spring festivals'. In spite of this, however, Easter Sunday saw thousands of churchgoers packing the cathedrals and churches. To try and divert the masses, the government staged dances, blocked the sale of 'kulich' (traditional Russian Easter cake) in all State stores, and lambasted Easter, in the State press, as being 'one of the worst superstitions of the past', a festival 'unfit for the toiling masses'. In the Cathedral of Saint Vladimir in Kiev, the Communist youth even went so far as to form 'flying wedges' of up to 1000 youths, who charged into the Cathedral, interrupting the Liturgy with loud singing of songs. In Leningrad, the State 'marks time' while awaiting the time when, they hope, the congregations of the 16 Russian Orthodox Churches will dwindle sufficiently to permit the government to seize the buildings as 'museums', or other purposes. This may be some time, though, for St. Nicholas Church, former patron church of the Czarist Navy, still is filled to its 10,000 capacity on Sundays. The Communist authorities hope that, thru restrictive measures, they may wean away the youth and thus kill the 'tree'. (The one element they forget is God, who will always keep his spark alive in the hearts of 'faithful people' - ED.)

In Canada, not an Orthodox land, the ever-present 'Western commercialism' brought out a new 'device' - mainstreet of Toronto was 'painted pink' for an 'Easter parade'; little girls were dressed as Easter bunnies, and curbstones were decorated with flower boxes. The whole project was introduced by the 'Downtown Businessmen's Association', who, like the Soviet, believe that religion and spiritual tradition must be 'exploited'. In fact, the Lord's

Day Alliance of Canada said that this was evidence of 'mobocracy' and that the voice of these people 'is not the voice of God'.

- In another parody of Easter and the Lenten Season, Cardinal Godfrey's call to all Catholics in England to see to it that their animal pets 'should fast' on days of obligation, and that the money 'so saved' be sent in to his funds, brought more than \$42,000(three times what is usually sent to this fund.-ED.) In the Cardinal's words: 'A plump and pampered poodle might well run all the more gaily after a reduced diet on simpler fare, and perhaps a denied visit to a hair stylist'. (It can readily be seen that the Cardinal has a 'method to his madness'.-ED.)

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**VATICAN HAILS SOVIET SPACE ACHIEVEMENT - GIVES IT SPIRITUAL MEANING**  
The Vatican Radio labeled the Soviet Union's launching of a 'man into space', a 'milestone of human history'. At the same time, said the Vatican, it should cause Man to bow in adoration to God, and to know and serve Him better.

'Science is a continuous progress of invention.....a wealth that Man can make good use of or abuse.....the danger is in Man looking on himself as a Creator. Man does not create. He discovers, finds energies, finds laws and discovers the secrets which God, in creating the world placed in the universe. They are all at the disposal of Man....that he may know God better and serve Him better....', so said the Radio Station.

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**YUGOSLAVIA SAYS VATICAN IMPEDES IMPROVED CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS.** The Yugoslav government's Federal Executive Council stated recently that the Vatican was directly responsible for halting talks between the government and the Yugoslav Catholic hierarchy. The Council said that the hierarchy's Oct.24th,1960 memorandum on 'greater freedom of religious activity' was a positive, constructive, and concrete step to harmonizing of the Church's life with the legal position that it held within the social structure of the government.The Council then said the proposed talks 'did not take place, as the Holy See did not agree to them'.

The government spokesman then declared that the Vatican's attitude was in direct contrast to that exhibited by the non-Catholic bodies in the country; specifically, the declaration said that 'The Orthodox Church and the Islamic religious communities, as well as the Protestant and other minor religious communities are finding their place in the social milieu, in which they develop their respective activities'.

- The October memorandum contained 18 points, with 9 specific demands. Some of these were: i.Greater freedom for the religious press. ii.Return of confiscated church properties. iii.Permission for priests to make home, hospital, and prison calls (these are presently forbidden). iv.Returning to the Church of registers of birth and death.
- Yugoslavia is composed of many national minorities, including Serbs, Croats,Slovenes, Macedonians, Montenegrins,etc. These peoples are divided, percentage-wise, among the Orthodox (48%), Roman Catholics (36%), Moslems (14%), Protestants (1½ %), and ½% of scattered Jews and other non-Christians.
- The Serbian Orthodox Church has about 1,720 priests, 600 monks and nuns, and 2,980 churches and monasteries. Its companion body, the Macedonian Orthodox Church has 3 bishops, 212 priests, 31 monks, 15 nuns, 210 churches and 50 monasteries. The Orthodox Church also maintains a faculty of theology in Belgrade(with 200 students) and two secondary schools for priests in training(with 300 students). The Church publishes five magazines or journals, plus 60,000 annual copies of a pocket calendar.
- The Roman Catholic Church is mainly in Croatia and Slovenia; it has 26 bishops, 3,365 priests and monks, 5,700 nuns. Total churches, monasteries, chapels number 6,000. The Church has 2 faculties, 5 high theological schools, 12 secondary schools, with about



1,400 students. It publishes numerous journals.

The Islamic Religious Community has about two million followers, with its center in Sarajevo. They are mainly of Slav origin, descendants of the Bogomils (an early Christian sect that was so badly persecuted by the Roman Catholic Church, that they became Moslems during the Turkish conquest of the Balkans some 500 years ago.-ED.). There are about 2,200 ministers of religion (imams, muderises, muezzins) and 1,950 mosques. There are two schools for the training of imams, one with 125 students and the other with 60 students. The veiling of women, under Tito, has been outlawed, and men seldom wear the fez anymore; females are also now allowed to directly participate in the services in the mosque; usually they are segregated and kept to the rear, being allowed to only attend special services in certain designated mosques.

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MAGAZINE ARTICLE TELLS OF 'PRIEST WITH THE FALSE BEARD'. In the April issue of the 'American Legion', a strongly worded article about Soviet agents, who masquerade as Russian Orthodox clergy, was given. In particular, the article tells of the activity of Father Kryill in the Holy Land; his case was cited in order to give a typical example of how agents do their masquerading.

The article relates: '...in the spring of 1959, a bearded Russian Orthodox priest, named Father Kyrill, arrived in Jerusalem from Moscow to celebrate Easter.....A smooth glib man, 47, whose luxurious black beard....inspired confidence and awe'. The priest visited the authorities and obtained an entry permit to Jordan, where he paid extensive calls on the many Russian churches, monasteries, and clergy of his Church. Completing his tour, the priest then headed back to Israel, via the ancient community of Nablus, where there are no Russian church properties. Jordan secret agents, trailing him on a simple routine mission, found that he went straight to the villa of Dr. Soleiman Hadad, radical 'fellow-traveler'. He spent three hours with this person; the security police then tricked him into entering a police car, but he became alarmed and attempted to get out. His beard caught in the half open door and was pulled off, revealing him as a clean-shaven man. The secret police said: 'He was a priest like we are Chinese princes'. Father Kryill was instantly deported.

On inquiry, Soviet churchmen in Jerusalem told officials that Father Kryill was suffering from a 'painful skin disease', which forced him to be clean-shaven and thus to wear a false beard.

The Russian Orthodox Church, of Moscow Patriarchate, is seeking to extend its domination over those segments of Eastern Orthodoxy which are impoverished by lack of funds or of clergy. In this case, the ancient monasteries and churches of the Holy Land offer a real opportunity, inasmuch as those under other jurisdictions are 'hard put' to maintain their heads above water and the Soviet Church offers immediate relief from this problem.-ED.

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LAYMEN BARRED FROM PREACHING IN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCHES. Lay teachers will no longer be permitted to give sermons in churches or before religious associations, the Greek Orthodox Church's Holy Synod declared in Athens, last month.

Only in certain cases may a local bishop entrust the preaching of the Gospel to a layman, the synod said in its encyclical. It stressed that the 'preaching of the word of God constitutes the Church's teaching power which is granted with validity exclusively to those who have been consecrated'.

The encyclical also banned the tape recording of sermons. It explained that the transmission of recorded sermons is forbidden by the Church's canons and by 'the whole life of the Church'.

Religious and secular newspapers were quick to criticize the encyclical, particularly the section on tape recordings. The daily 'Ethnos' said: 'The paragraph in which the transmission of sermons thru a tape recorder is forbidden....is groundless, as during the ages when the

canons were formed, the tape recorder was not in existence. If St. Paul had known of such an instrument, he surely would have made use of it'.

- The ruling may make a very harmful dent in the work of the 'zealots' of Orthodoxy, such as the 'Zoe Movement'. They perform a valuable function of carrying the Gospel Message into homes, private groups, on the streets, and before assembled multitudes. Restricting the work of laymen, some of whom are more intelligent and informed than the clergy, is indeed short-sighted. - ED.
- Orthodox lay theologian, Dr. Nicolas Louvaris, died at the age of 74. Archbishop Theoklitos officiated at the burial rites. The deceased was a professor of theology at the University of Athens and was considered an authority on the New Testament. He was born on the Isle of Tenos and served in the Greek Cabinet during the last War. He wrote a series of works; the titles of some are: 'History of Philosophy', 'Character of Epistles of Saint Paul', 'Goethe as a Religious Personality', 'The Religion of Wagner'. (The late professor is a good example of the capability that is frequently found in layman; depriving the pulpit of such able men, on occasion, is indeed unfortunate.-ED.)

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**STUDY OF 'EUTHANASIA' ORDERED BY SYNOD OF GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
A two man special committee of Metropolitans was named by the Greek Orthodox Church's Holy Synod in Athens; the purpose of the committee being to make a comprehensive study of 'euthanasia' - or mercy killing.

Appointed to the committee were Metropolitans Gregorios of Halkis and Meletios of Kythera. Their report was ordered to be ready by the Synod's October Sessions.

The study was thought advisable after the Synod had a detailed discussion of the subject with prominent university professors.

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**SURVEY OF CATHOLIC PRIESTS IN ENGLAND SHOWS DESIRE FOR 'VERNACULAR'**  
A survey of Roman Catholic priests in the Portsmouth diocese, England, showed that 52% of them favored the use of English in the Mass and other services of the Church.

The disclosure was made in a recent issue of 'Clergy Review', a monthly publication, and was based on questions put to the priests to provide data for a commission preparing for the coming Vatican Council.

Questionnaires were sent to 302 priests of the diocese (137 were diocesan priests and 165 were members of religious orders). In the results, it was interesting to note that the 'older priests desired to keep Latin, whilst the younger priests desired the use of English vernacular.

One Jesuit priest wrote his comments on the questionnaire: 'It is neither necessary nor good (to use the vernacular)....mere Protestantism'. One of the younger clergy wrote his opinion: 'The use of English in our worship is just plain common sense, and anyone (who resists the idea) ...shows the ordinary Catholic's unwillingness to criticize anything, even constructively which has to do with the Church'.

- The Primitive Church used the vernacular; all Orthodox Churches use the vernacular of their own countries. Only the 'older' clergy in Orthodoxy resist the use of English as the vernacular in America. Only time will bring the change in both the Roman and Orthodox Churches. - ED.

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**POPE USES ORTHODOX RITUAL IN CONSECRATION OF HIERARCH**, Pope John XXI made religious history for the Vatican when he consecrated a Melkite Rite Bishop according to the ritual of the Eastern Orthodox Church - the Mother of all Christendom.

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her Gabriel Acacio Coussa, a member of the Melkite Basilian Fathers of Aleppo, Syria, was consecrated by the Pontiff as Titular Archbishop of Hierapolis. The ceremony took place in Peter's Basilica. Pope John, vested as an Eastern bishop, read an abbreviated service in Greek; as he vested the new bishop, he exclaimed the traditional 'Axios' phrase (meaning: - 'this worthy').

The new bishop was born in Aleppo in 1887 and was ordained a priest in 1920.

A century ago, Pope Pius IX consecrated a Bulgarian, Father Joseph Sokolski, as an Oriental Rite bishop, but he did so according to the Latin Rite.-ED.

Byzantine Rite Roman Catholics number about 9,000,000 throughout the world. Some 750,000 are in North America; of this number, two-thirds are in the U.S. To minister to these North American 'Byzantine Rite,' Rome has close to 650 clergy in Canada, and in 28 of states in the U.S. Languages employed, in the various phases of the 'Rite', include those of: Arabic, Armenian, Greek, Hungarian, Rumanian, Old Slavonic, and Syriac.

The Eastern Orthodox Church, from which these 'Byzantine Rite dissidents' withdrew under Military and Political 'persuasion,' administered by Vatican agents, is comprised of some 20 odd national, autonomous bodies. Rome calls the Orthodox by the name of 'Separated Brethren' or 'schismatics'. Recently, Patriarch Athenagoras, in commenting on Rome's attitude toward Orthodoxy, said: 'All Christians suffer from disunity....Catholics no longer call us 'schismatics'. But why 'separated brothers?' If we are brothers, we are not separated.....Catholics, Protestants, Orthodox - we are all Christians by baptism and by faith in Christ....This is our unity. The union of our churches is not within our reach at the moment. Our divergences keep us from it. To surmount them is the work of theologians.... But for us, let us find practical unity as children of God.....Let us begin by respecting.... one another.....the news from Rome is sometimes disappointing. The Pope....has spoken of 'return' in talking to non-Catholics. Why use that word?.....that is not the right way for us to become reconciled.....'

The Eastern Orthodox Churches have always practiced 'unity without union' with others and with one another. In this 'unity without union,' the Orthodox Churches have always maintained the integrity of their doctrine; they have joined in fellowship and cooperated in meetings and Councils, abstaining only when they could not agree. Rome has never shown herself willing to do this, unless she is allowed to be the 'infallible mouthpiece' for Christ. That she is not such an 'infallible mouthpiece' is shown in the following news item, where, by her own hand she lays 'bare' her 'fallibility'. - ED.

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ROMAN CHURCH 'KICKS OUT' A 'SAINT' FROM 'ROLL OF SAINTS'. The Sacred Congregation of Rites, Vatican City, announced that the 'popular Saint', known as Philomena, aka Filomena, has been 'stricken' from the roll of church saints, effective immediately.

The Congregation said that the 2nd century saint had been venerated, all these centuries, in 'error'. In addition, the Congregation ordered that all church structures, named after her, must be 're-consecrated and re-named'; all statues and pictures destroyed; the 'relics' of the tomb of the saint must be disavowed and a glass filled with her 'precious blood' must not be venerated any more; and, finally, no children may be baptized with her name any more.

Cardinal Cushing of Boston, Mass., said, when he had to face parishioners at a new church that was to be named 'St. Philomena', that it was 'a difficult job, it was like telling the Irish there was no St. Patrick'. He also said he had the embarrassment of trying to recover 800 small statues of Philomena that he had distributed to members of a guild named in her honor.

Father Moag, of St. Philomena's Church in Chicago, said 'What's in a name? Little, if anything, of religious value.....It's a trivial matter....' The good father also indicated that the Church has items of 'fiction' in its make-up. This fact was also borne out by the Sacred Congregation, which stated that 'St. Philomena.....did not correspond to any

known person'.

- It is well known that many of the so-called 'saints' of the Church are fictional or mythical personages. For instance, take the case of the Spanish St. Viar:- bones were found under a broken tombstone, on which only the letters S.Viar were visible; priests wrought miracles with these relics of St.Viar, and fame carried his name abroad. An inquiry was made, and the tombstone was found to be that of a Roman Praefectus Viarum; St. Viar 'disappeared' from the calendar. As Pope Gregory, 601 A.D., wrote to Bishop Mellitus in Britain: -

'Let the shrines of idols by no means be destroyed.....let water be consecrated and sprinkled in these temples; let altars be erected, and relics laid upon them.....because they(the pagans) are wont to sacrifice many oxen to devils, some celebration should be given in exchange for this.....so that...they still keep the outward pleasures....'

- As St.Paul said: 'Men of Athens, in all things I behold you very religious....I found an altar on which had been inscribed 'To an Unknown God'. Whom, therefore, not knowing, ye reverence; him, I announce to you. The God, who made the world and all things that are in it... dwells not in hand-made temples; neither needs anything from the hands of men, seeing he giveth life to all.....in Him we live, and move, and have our being.....' It is clear from this that God is a Spirit; not graven from artistic, human imaginations. - ED.

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#### POLAND SEEKING TO WIDEN GAP BETWEEN ROMAN HIERARCHY AND PRIESTS

The Communist government of Poland, elated over reports that more than 98% of voters went to the polls on April 16th, are expected to make a strong drive to separate the Roman Catholic hierarchy from the priests, by driving a 'patriotic wedge' between them.

Clergy pensions, nationalism, and a variety of social welfare measures have greatly influenced the Roman priests to join the State organization of 'Caritas', which renders 'protection', aid and comfort to the priests. As the Roman bishops have their allegiance to Rome, this state of 'divided allegiance of priests and bishops' is accordingly 'wedging' them apart from one another. The eventual aim of the government being to separate the Polish masses from their century-old 'yoke of Rome', whilst still leaving them a valid priesthood that will turn towards a National Church, rather than the international scope of Romanism.

In line with this, the government decreed that all 'ecclesiastical institutions are to be considered as private institutions and taxed up to 65% of their investments'. Thus, in the future, all dioceses, parishes, and seminaries will be treated the same as private institutions, so far as income tax is concerned. To show that they 'mean business', the government ordered an American-made automobile of Bishop Eugeniusz Baziak of Cracow sold at auction to cover tax arrears from his diocese.

To gain popular support, the government has attacked the Vatican as being pro-German and anti-Polish in policy. The government showed how the Vatican had aided Hitler, when they became convinced 'by German prelates that a papal crusade against the East could be successful only with the support of pre-war Germany under Hitler'. The government also said that 'papal excommunications never fell on the executioners in the Nazi concentration camps, but fell like an avalanche on Catholics behind the Iron Curtain who collaborated with the Communists.....(and that Pope Pius strongly opposed the return to Poland of)...her ancient territories held by Germany until the end of the last war'. Further, it stated, the present Pope continues the same policy and refuses to appoint permanent Polish bishops in the former German territories now part of Poland.

- Throughout history, the Vatican has turned to the Teutonic hordes to endeavor to subdue the East to Romanism. Many have been the atrocities and horrors perpetrated by these 'holy crusades' against the peasants of the Ukraine, Ruthenia, White Russia, and Russia. The Polish government is merely using 'past history' to stimulate the people to support the 'nationalistic spirit', as opposed to their ancient foe - the Hun. - ED.

- It is interesting to note, also, the results of the Polish government's 'population control' experiment, as released recently. A declining birth rate, since 1958, shows a 'slowing' of



population growth, which has been a primary cause of concern to the authorities, because of Poland's limited resources for housing, food, and jobs. Originally, the anticipated population for 1975 had been set at more than 37,000,000; present calculations show that the figure may now be expected to be only 33,600,000. The government said that this change is due to: - i.birth control ii.legalized abortion iii.a rise in the cultural level of the community. The supporters of the program cite this as proof of the theory of positive population control being within the scope of reason and planning by responsible governmental agencies. This issue is presently a matter of bitter controversy between the State and the Vatican. - ED.

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**DOMINICAN BISHOP ACCUSED OF 'MAKING BOMBS'.** An official statement of the government of the Dominican Republic showed that Bishop Thomas F.Reilly, 52-year old native of Boston and Prelate Nullius of San Juan de la Maguana, was accused of 'putting the finishing touches on bombs'. The accusation came from three prisoners of the Dominican Republic. The three, Denis Herrera - Jose Tejedam - Claudio Rosado, are in custody on charges of working in a terrorist conspiracy 'designed to create in the public mind the idea that the Dominican government attacks the Catholic clergy'.

Bishop Reilly was in the U.S.Army during the last war; the three accusers stated that he had learned about making bombs, because he was a captain in the U.S.Army and was 'trained in bomb manufacture'.

John Kelly, who arrived in New York from Ciudad Trujillo last month, said that a mob of some 10,000 sacked Bishop Reilly's cathedral, after the accusation was made public. He said damages came to \$100,000. He also stated that the bishop was removed to Ciudad Trujillo in 'protective custody', where he is expected to stand trial.

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**PORTUGUESE ARCHBISHOP ADVISES PRIESTS TO BE ABOVE POLITICAL ACTIVITY.** The Angolan Catholic Archbishop Moises Alves de Pinho of Luanda, Angola, warned against clergy engaging in 'political activities'. He said that while priests may be citizens of a country, they must strive only for the common good.

The warning came after the press reported that priests were hiding 'arms' in their churches, in the wake of the recent terrorist activities against the Portuguese administration in Angola, which is a West African province. In fact, one priest, Msgr. Joaquim Mendes das Neves, Vicar General of the Luanda archdiocese, was arrested for 'subversion'.

In trying to clarify the issues, the archbishop said that 'priests....must serve all alike, and not one group or another'.

The prelate's advice should be heeded by clerics in other lands, where similar charges have been made against them. In these Catholic lands, it is interesting to note that it is chiefly the non-Catholics who suffer most. For instance, in Angola, Portuguese militia groups are killing and terrorizing Protestant Africans. At least eight Angolan Protestant pastors have been killed by Portuguese whites and many more have just 'disappeared'. All of this since last March 15th, when rebellion broke out in northern Angola. Local authorities have been directed to wage a relentless campaign against the 'catequistas'(Angolans who have been educated at Protestant missions, which have been operating there since 1880. Over 20,000 Angolans presently receive free education at such missions. Angolan newspapers and 'whites' have worked up anger, hatred, and distrust against the Protestants, who, they say, are educating the natives 'above their proper level'.(There are only 200 American Protestant missionaries in Angola - ED.) Authorities have not clearly stated whether the Roman clergy have been secreting arms to attack Protestants, or what. There have been no reports of Roman clergy or people being massacred, such as has happened to the Protestants.

**WARSAW ACCUSES VATICAN OF HAVING HELPED EICHMANN.** A Warsaw Radio broadcast accused the Vatican of having helped Adolf Eichmann, now on trial in Israel for the engineering of the deaths of millions of Jews during the Nazi regime, to 'escape' from Europe after the last war.

The Warsaw station, which is in a strongly Catholic country, said that Eichmann found refuge in the Pontifical German-Hungarian College in Rome, whose rector, at that time, was Austrian-born Bishop Ludwig Hudal, 'a great supporter of Fascism and of Hitler's Nazi war criminals.' In addition, the station proclaimed that the Vatican provided Eichmann with 'false documents' for his escape to Argentina. It said that the Nazi was assisted by Father Carlo Petranovic, a Yugoslav priest, 'whose duty was to help Fascist criminals escape from Europe'. Father Petranovic, the station said, worked closely with the 'German Central Catholic Bureau in Genoa, Italy.'

- Prague Radio stated, last summer, that Martin Bormann, Hitler's right-hand man, is hiding at the famed Benedictine monastery of Monserrat in northeast Spain. It said that he was there, since the end of the war, along with several other high-ranking Nazis. Only two years ago, his son Martin Adolf Bormann (a former Nazi Youth member) was ordained to the Roman Catholic priesthood at the Jesuit church of Holy Trinity, Innsbruck, Austria.
- Last month, the 'Evangelist', official weekly of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, N.Y., cast its sympathies with Eichmann in an editorial that said, in part: 'It is sinful to foment hate and vengeance even toward a condemned man....extravagant reporting on the Eichmann trial has struck these base sentiments with such dead accuracy that the accused, were he set free, could hardly escape a violent end by revengeful people..... Is justice served when the Nazi henchman is used as an excuse....for a sadistic display of horror.....What is the point.....?'
- In the U.S. Congress, Mr. James B. Utt (R.-Calif.) introduced House Resolution #2185, on Jan. 6, 1961, to grant 'relief of Andrija Artukovic.....for permanent residence'. Mr. Utt apparently is oblivious to the record of Artukovic, who was a member of the Ustashi (Roman Catholic Croatian organization); also, he was 'Minister of Interior of the Independent State of Croatia', which declared war against the U.S. and England in 1941; he, along with his leader Pavelic, led his Ustashi in support of Hitler, as well as against all Jews and Serbian Orthodox - both of which were murdered in the hundreds of thousands in a blood bath that was unequalled, except by the Nazis themselves. In 1942, Artukovic even told the Croatian Parliament why he hated and killed Jews; his most famed quote: 'If you can't kill a Serb or a Jew, you are an enemy of the State'. Presently, this same Artukovic lives in California under the assumed name of 'Alois Anich'; he entered the U.S. in July of 1948 under a false Irish passport, issued under this assumed name. In this country, he is stoutly defended by Roman Catholic clergy and press, whenever any effort has been made to bring him to justice. It is this sole defense by such Roman Catholic media that has prevented his lawful deportation. From this it can readily be seen why the 'Evangelist' does not like 'sadistic displays of horror' to be made public.

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**ROMAN PRIESTS ARRESTED IN CUBA AS 'COLLABORATORS' WITH REBELS.** In a series of sweeping arrests, the Cuban government has been reported as having arrested a number of Roman Catholic clergy for participating in the efforts of the invading rebels. In addition to these arrests, a Japanese correspondent also reported that all Catholic schools and churches on the island have been closed and guards placed outside of them.

Havana TV showed the questioning of a priest, who admitted having parachuted into Cuba. Father Segundo Las Heras Cabo said he had been a virtual prisoner in an American-run training camp in Guatemala. On TV, the priest said: 'I repent and beg the people of Cuba to accept my repentance. All I ask is that they give me an opportunity to mend my ways'.

In another incident, Father Francisco Lopez Blasquez was seized at Trinidad, a mountain town



he and another man tried to disarm militiamen there. The government stated that the  
st had been operating with rebel guerrillas in the Sierra del Escambray Mountains for about  
months.

Other clergy were arrested is shown by the fact that Bishop Eduardo Boza Masvidal of  
Havana is currently awaiting trial on counter-revolutionary charges. Arrested with him was  
Blanco Blanco of Havana.

The government also issued a stinging denunciation of Cardinal Spellman of New York as being  
cardinal of the Pentagon, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the North American monop-  
olists'. The government also stated that it had arrested one priest, who landed with the rebel  
forces, while carrying a 'rosary in one hand and a sub-machine gun in the other'.

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**GREEK METROPOLITAN OFFICIATES IN WINDSOR, CANADA, ORTHODOX CHURCH.** A  
unique vesper service was held in St. George's Romanian Orthodox Cathedral, Windsor,  
Canada, last month, with Greek Metropolitan Athenagoras of Toronto conducting.

This was the first official visit to Windsor by Bishop Athenagoras, and most Orthodox clergy of  
the area were present. Romanian Orthodox Bishop Theophil of Detroit was on hand to extend  
hand of welcome to the visiting hierarchy.

Bishop Nestorian Cicala, of St. George's, met the Metropolitan at the church door with the  
Gospel and Cross, a centuries old mark of respect. The procession then went to the altar to  
participate in the service. Taking part in the service were Fathers George Nan (Romanian), Vasile  
Shko (Russian), Michael Milonoff (Russian), Stefan Lastavica (Serbian), Conon Lasky (deacon  
Bishop Theophil), Demetrios Chakos (Greek), John Kamelakis (Greek), George Papaioannou  
(Greek).

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**PROMINENT GREEK METROPOLITAN DIES IN GREECE.** Greek Orthodox Metropolitan  
Chrysostom Daskalakis of Messinia (Kalamata) died of a heart attack last month at the age of  
70. Archbishop Theoklitos of Athens, head of the Orthodox Church of Greece, officiated at  
his funeral; also in attendance were some 15 other hierarchs of the Church.

He was often spoken of as the most likely successor to Archbishop Theoklitos' post, because of his  
standing qualities, the late metropolitan will be greatly missed. Born in Athens in 1906, he  
was a graduate of the School of Theology of the University of Athens; in 1942 he was consecrated  
as Bishop of Gytheion. He achieved his last post in 1945.

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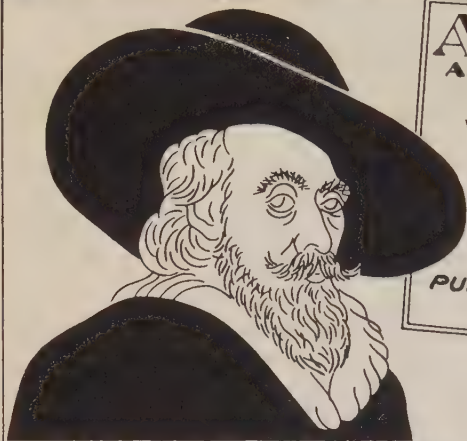
**LUTHERAN HAS AUDIENCE WITH HAILE SELASSIE.** The director of the Lutheran  
World Federation's Broadcasting Service, Dr. Sigurd Aske, along with Dr. H.G. Schaefer, who  
is director of the American Lutheran Mission in Ethiopia, was received at an Imperial Aud-  
ience, by Emperor Haile Selassie in Addis Ababa.

Dr. Aske, in the audience, informed the Emperor that the LWF's new 50,000 watt transmitter,  
which will beam religious and cultural programs to broad areas of Africa and Asia, will be  
officially opened next year; he asked that the Emperor might be present at the dedication. In  
addition, he told the Emperor that the LWF would like the Ethiopian Coptic Church, of which  
the Emperor is the official head, to know that the station was offering them 30 minutes free  
broadcast time daily. To this offer, the Emperor extended his thanks and requested that the  
proposal be taken up with Archbishop Basilios, who is patriarch of the Ethiopian Church.

● The new station, next to the station known as 'Radio Vatican', will be the most powerful  
church-owned radio station in the world. - ED.

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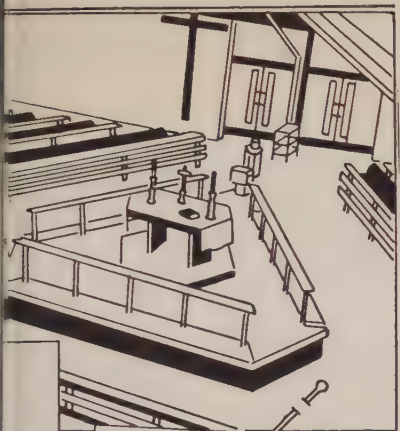


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**The** CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, CLEVELAND, O., HAS ADOPTED THE FORMAT OF THE **THEATRE IN THE ROUND.** THE ALTAR, PLACED IN THE CENTER, IS VIEWED BY THE CONGREGATION FROM THREE SIDES.

**The** LIBRARY OF CHRIST CHURCH, PHILA., PA., FOUNDED IN 1696, CONTAINS SERVICE BOOKS FROM WHICH ALL REFERENCES TO THE KING WERE STRUCK OUT ON JULY 4, 1776.



**TWELVE CANNON** CAST BY CHARLES V OF FRANCE WERE NAMED AFTER THE TWELVE APOSTLES.



**C**ONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH, CONOVER, N.C., HAS A SHARPLY PITCHED ROOF RESEMBLING A TENT THAT GIVES THE SAME SOARING EFFECT AS GOTHIC ARCHES MIGHT CREATE.



**F**IVE MINISTERS HEADED A VOLUNTEER LABOR BATTALION OF LAYMEN THAT ERECTED THE GLEN COVE CHURCH OF CHRIST, GLEN COVE, L.I.



Religious News Service **Scheel**

**CHURCH OF GREECE TO SEND LAYMEN TO DELHI ASSEMBLY IN NOVEMBER**  
 Once again, laymen will represent the Orthodox Church of Greece in New Delhi, India, at the Third General Assembly of the World Council of Churches, which convenes Nov. 18th-Dec. 6th, 1961. The decision was made by the Holy Synod of that Church.

Representatives in past years have been professors of the Athens and Salonica theological school faculties.

The action of the Synod of that Church is diametrically opposed to the course decided upon by the Holy Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, which is sending Archbishop Iakovos; he is one of the six WCC presidents, of course. Accompanying the archbishop will be Father George Bacopulos. On their trip, the clergy will visit Tokyo, Seoul, Manila, Bangkok, and other cities that have Orthodox activities. On the return trip, the clergy will stop in Istanbul and perhaps in Greece, as well.

- Patriarch Athenagoras of Istanbul is also planning a lengthy trip, commencing this Fall. Greece, Yugoslavia, England and America will all be included in the itinerary. His visit to America will be in the Spring of 1962, however, when he will attend the Clergy-Laity Conference in Boston. The 'Philoptohos', ladies welfare society, chapters, thruout the land, are preparing to handle the multitude of receptions and other functions that will be given in honor of the visiting Patriarch.
- The nation's 'Philoptohos' Society carries on a multitude of activities in the various 386 odd communities of the Greek Archdiocese. Eventually, it is hoped and planned, the chapters of the Society will expand their scope to such a degree that other group activities, such as P.T.A. - 'Mr. & Mrs. Clubs' - Young People's Groups - etc., will all be a part of the one organization. This has been urged so that duplication of philanthropic and social activities might be done away with and a single, unified service rendered. Other aspects of a re-vitalized 'Philoptohos' are: i. Public Relations Board to coordinate all publicity ii. Division of Social Assistance and Charities (with committees on 'Adoption of Orphans from Greece' & 'Sisterhood of St. Basil's Academy').

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**RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH TO JOIN WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.** On March 30th, 1961, at a meeting of the six-man Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church, in Moscow, the decision was made to apply for membership in the World Council of Churches. The vote was unanimous.

The Synod members are: Patriarch Alexei, Metropolitans Pitirim of Kalomna, Ioann of Kiev, Gurii of Leningrad, Bishop Nicodim, and Pimen Izvekov, who is manager of the Moscow Patriarchate.

Following the decision, the Patriarch directed that a letter, stating the intent of the Synod, be sent to the Council. This was done in mid-April. The application, however, cannot be formally acted upon until the WCC's 3rd Annual Assembly is convened in New Delhi, India, Nov. 18-Dec. 6. A two thirds affirmative vote of member churches (118 out of 176) is required for acceptance of any applicant body. At the Assembly, some eight or more applications from various other Church bodies will also be considered.

In the application, the Russian Church disclosed it has 30,000 priests, 73 bishoprics, 20,000 parishes, and 40 monasteries within the USSR; It also stated it has eight theological schools, including two academies and six seminaries. Membership figures were not given, but they are estimated as ranging from 30,000,000 to 90,000,000.

- With the admission of the Russian Church, there will be a total of 12 Orthodox Churches in the WCC. They are the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, Greek Orthodox Patriarchates of Alexandria, Jerusalem, Antioch, the Church of Cyprus, the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, The Orthodox Church of Greece, the Orthodox Syrian Church of Malabar, the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America, Russian Orthodox Church of America, and



## Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church.

Archbishop Iakovos of the Greek Archdiocese said the acceptance of the Russian Church would be 'healthy for Protestants - and for Christians all over the world'.

Even while the Russians were still considering making their application, delegates from the WCC were making an informal visit to Bulgaria, March 17-31. In Sofia, they were received by Patriarch Cyril and members of the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church. (It is anticipated that this visit will open the door for eventual application to the WCC by the Orthodox Church of Bulgaria, and thus, once again, broaden the base of the Ecumenical movement.)

## DOMESTIC



ERN ORTHODOX CHURCH 'RECOGNIZED' AS MAJOR FAITH IN N.C. The Sovereign State of North Carolina has just declared the Eastern Orthodox Church to be one of Major Religious Faiths. The resolution of the combined Senate and House, late last month, is about the recognition.

ously, only Protestant - Catholic - Jew were given such recognition by that State. Two years ago a similar bill had met defeat in the House, after being passed by the Senate. This time the bill was first approved by the House. Reason for the defeat, previously, had been the terminology of the bill - the term 'Greek Orthodox Church' had been altered to read 'Eastern Orthodox Church'.

On March 16, 1961, the Sovereign State of Tennessee had given its formal recognition to the Eastern Orthodox Church, as a Major Faith, also. A similar measure is presently pending in the legislature of the State of Wisconsin.

A few other States, that have given similar recognition, include: Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Texas, Kentucky. Perhaps a total of some 27 States might now be listed that have done the same. Not until, however, all 50 States, plus the Congress of the U.S., give such recognition, will the Eastern Orthodox Church achieve its lawful, historic, traditional, and rightful status with the Protestant - Catholic - and Jew. - ED.

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RACKETEERS 'TAKE-OVER' BINGO IN NEW YORK. Racketeering promoters and professional gamblers have 'moved-in' to 'skim the cream' off an estimated \$80,000,000 that has gathered on 'legalized' bingo in New York State. 'Legalized' bingo came 'into being' in New York State in 1957 when a constitutional amendment was adopted by the voters in the November election. The amendment was bitterly fought by Protestant, Jewish and civic organizations prior to adoption; the Catholic Church did not fight the idea or principle embodied in the amendment and did nothing to stop its enactment.

Leading elements in the battle against 'legalized gambling' have always claimed that such amendments and laws 'merely are 'door-openers' for more serious forms of gambling and vice; in addition, will contribute to the destruction of respect for law and order. Public officials, more than often, are on the side of seeing 'legalized gambling' enacted, usually claim that 'Legalizing' of crime puts the gangsters 'out-of-business'.

Here are a few instances of 'legalized' crime and the attitude and work of the Church:

- N.Y.State Lottery Control Commission chairman, Richard Wesley Hannah, proclaimed March 1, 1958 that there would be 'fair and square enforcement'...with....'no undesirable elements creeping into this game or any part of it'. On April 25, 1961, the N.Y.State Investigation Commission stated that professional gamblers, today, reap most of the profit from 'legalized bingo' and leave little to charity; that records are constantly falsified that large sums of monies wagered are 'passed under the table'.
- It took a four-year campaign of the Newport, Ky., Ministerial Ass'n. to 'close down' the organized vice syndicate in Campbell County, Ky. Climaxing the long fight, the Ass'n. submitted a 31 page affidavit to the Governor, Bert Combs, in which the names of the Mayor, the Police Chief, Chief of Detectives, a Circuit Judge, a County Judge, a County Police Chief, a Sheriff, and a District Detective were given as 'failing to do their sworn duty in suppressing gambling, prostitution, and illegal liquor sales'. (The governor, as the Courier-Journal said, 'seems to be more interested in finding excuses not to act than in moving decisively in the ways that are open to him' - he failed to do anything.ED.) Public feeling, however, forced the 'Cleveland Syndicate' to 'lay low until the heat is off' accordingly, the 'lid' was put on in all areas 'outside' Newport, where State Police could act. The Ass'n. meanwhile had organized a Committee of 500, which has placed its own candidate for sheriff up for election; in addition, they have commenced legal action to oust the officials. (Interestingly, thruout the entire struggle the Roman Catholic Church has merely 'sat quietly on the sidelines' - ED.)
- When asked about the Roman Catholic attitude toward gambling, Bishop R.H.Ackerman of Covington, Ky., said gambling, if fulfilling four qualification, is morally permissible; the four qualifications are: i.the gambler must own or have the right to use the money gambled ii.there must be no cheating by the players iii.all who play must have an equal chance to win iv.the type of gambling must be decent.
- April 27, 1961, River Forest, Ill. - St.Luke's Roman Catholic Church - Reputed crime syndicate boss Anthony J.(Tough Tony) Accardo married his daughter off to a plumber's son. With all 'the boys', who run the rackets inherited from Al Capone spruced up in formal attire, 'Tough Tony' watched his 20-year daughter marry 22-year old Michael Palermo. Among those present were Sam (Bags) Battaglia, 'Milwaukee' Phil Alderiso and Jack Cerone. Leaving the church, 'Tough Tony' dropped his mask and blasted away at the chauffeur of the 'newlyweds' car:  
'Hey, Frank, what the hell's the matter? What do you want to do - crucify them? Let's get going'.(\*The Press and photographers had riled 'Tony'.)

- Roman Catholic Msgr.John Tracy Ellis, Professor of Church History at Catholic University of America, in speaking to the 37th annual conference of the Catholic Library Ass'n., last month, said: There has been 'shocking disregard' of the responsibilities to truth in Catholic circles 'even among some priests, when fidelity to truth may conflict with their personal interests'. He cited instances of gansterism and corruption in politics involving men of Catholic training.

Clergy and laity in the early Church, if found guilty of 'evil-doing', were subject to 'suspension' and 'penance'. The power of money apparently confuses the issue in Today's Church. - ED.

*Church Chuckles* by CARTWRIGHT



*Lets go the whole hog and rip out the pews and put in bowling alleys, bingo, craps, roulette, and all the rest. What do you say.*



In still another area, the struggle of freedom-loving people against the menace of Communism is menaced by the 'legalized' greed that has been shown up recently in the big business conspiracy to 'rig' prices; this same aspect of 'legalized' greed is also present in the so-called 'patriotic' unions that have been responsible for the 'missile gap'. This latter 'aid-to-communism' has been rendered in the form of 'unpatriotic', yet 'legal', strikes and 'labor disputes' at Cape Canaveral, Fla. Testimony before the U.S. Senate Investigations subcommittee has revealed that the Space Program has been delayed for months by these labor union tactics. As Senator McClellan said: 'If greed and graft and extortion are going to dominate our life, then it is time for the country to wake up...'

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## THE PEACE CORPS GUIDE OUTLINES COOPERATION WITH CHURCH AGENCIES.

A guide was issued by the Peace Corps outlining how it will cooperate with church-related private voluntary agencies in helping the world's needy people.

REO predicted, the Peace Corps would eventually channel its efforts thru existing religious and private agencies; this has now been proven by the issuance of this guide - as Peace Corps head, R.S. Shriver, said: - we want 'to help, not replace, private agencies which are doing an excellent job in this field'. The guide stated, however, that 'no support will be given to a project if it furthers any religious, sectarian, commercial or propaganda cause....' The guide did not say how it will determine if this is discreetly done by the 'undisciplined', who gladly sacrifice truth to further their own personal ends. - ED.)

A newspaper gave an excellent digest of how 'surprised' the Administration's agents were when they 'fanned out across the African continent, handing out dollars, food, clothes, and good news....they found that Christian missionaries had been there before them'. As Dr. Harry G. Pett, director of America's first African-aid program, said: 'We are Johnny-come-latelies. What we are trying to do is increase what the missionaries have been doing all along.'

In Africa alone, American Protestants support 10,000 missionaries; this volunteer corps speaks the language, works for little or no pay, and is interested in the people.

## Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



by let the word drop that the elephant  
to be done away with. He took it liter-



They are quarreling over whether to have  
Irish stew or Hungarian goulash.

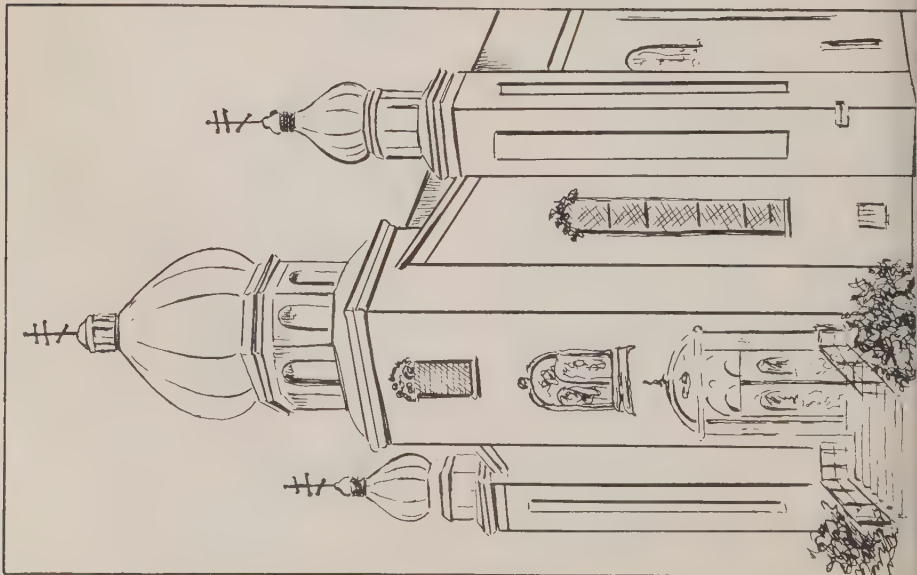
**ST. DEMETRIUS UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH TO BE RECONSTRUCTED.** Plans for complete reconstruction of St. Demetrius Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Carter, N.J. were announced last month by Father John Hundiak. The project will involve the complete reconstruction of the church exterior, including installation of three Byzantine-style domes, brick veneer, and a new roof. In addition, the interior will be all remodeled according to Byzantine motif, with iconstasis and ample religious paintings. The entire reconstruction is being done to commemorate the church's fiftieth anniversary next year.

Father Hundiak also revealed that the church had contracted to purchase an adjoining tract of land; the new parcel consists of 9 lots and a 2-story dwelling. It will be used for alleviation of the acute parking problem, which arises every Sunday morning.

After 28 years of pastorate in St. Demetrius, Father Hundiak said the enormous progress of the community could all be laid 'to the spirit of faith in God and His Guidance, and the loyalty and cooperation of the membership and the ten church organizations.' He narrated that during the years of his pastorate, the parish had built a \$250,000 'Ukrainian Community Center' - in addition, an acre of ground had been acquired, as well as a 3-story dwelling.

Assisted, today, by Father Peter Melech, the pastor said there were now ten Sunday School teachers, with 134 pupils. He stated also that the 'Bishop Zuk Scholarship Fund' had now grown to \$1,121; the 'Fund' is intended to help educate boys for the priesthood. (Bishop Zuk was the first Ukrainian Orthodox Bishop, as such, in America.-ED.)

● To recite a little background of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in America, one has to go back to 1931 when Bishop Callistos (representative of Archbishop Athenagoras) presided at a Sobor in New York City; the Sobor had been convened to elect a leader for the Ukrainian Church. Rev. Joseph Zuk was so designated, at that time, as the Bishop-elect. It was not till Aug. 25th, 1932, however, that he was consecrated as such by the Syrian Archbishop. Tragically, in 1934, the new bishop suffered an early death. He was buried from St. Demetrius Church, shown in the artist's sketch, in the cemetery of that same church; the presiding hierarch at the funeral was Archbishop Athenagoras, who is now the Ecumenical Patriarch.





AN CATHOLICS NOW NUMBER 42,104,900 IN THE U.S.A. According to the Official Catholic Directory for 1961, this new total of over forty-two million communicants represents an increase, over last year, of 1,233,598.

There are now eight Archdioceses with Catholic populations in excess of one million: Chicago - 2,118,831; Boston - 1,661,702; New York - 1,610,366; Philadelphia - 1,548,285; Newark - 1,470,702; Detroit - 1,361,892; Los Angeles - 1,348,104; San Francisco - 1,093,595.

One Diocese has more than one million; that is Brooklyn - 1,489,207. The other larger ones, with over a half million, are: Pittsburgh - 886,453; Buffalo - 862,433; Cleveland - 829,299; Rockville Center - 657,497; Providence - 518,717; Corpus Christi - 501,850.

There are now 5 Cardinals, 30 Archbishops, 185 Bishops, 33,141 secular priests, 21,541 religious order priests, 10,928 brothers, 170,438 sisters. A total of 16,488 parishes, with resident clergy, was reported; there are also 508 parishes without resident clergy.

In the educational field, the total student body (seminarians, collegians, high school and elementary students) numbers 5,652,575. These students attend a total of 13,961 separate educational institutions, that are staffed by 168,677 full-time teaching personnel.

The Catholic Bureau of Information also stated, in a separate report, that Negro Catholics are increasing in higher proportion than white Catholics. A total of 653,217 of the country's 18,000,000 Negroes were reported to be Catholics.

The 'GOP' reported last month that the 'religious issue' in the last election worked to the advantage of Kennedy; in essence, the report said: 'it is apparent that the most pronounced switch found among any identifiable group of voters occurred among Catholics.'

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WINE 'REWARDED' WITH AMBASSADORSHIP. Kennedy just named, last month, W. Wine to be the new U.S. Ambassador to Luxembourg.

Wine was formerly the associate general secretary for interpretation to the National Council of Churches. He resigned that post in August, 1960, to join the Kennedy Campaign as assistant to the chairman of the Democratic National Committee for 'community relations'. His particular assignment, to 'align the Protestant vote' and answer questions on Kennedy's stand on Church-State issues, apparently was satisfactory enough to merit 'reward'.

Wine, 42, is an attorney, a war veteran, and a former judge. He joined the National Council of Churches' 'public relations program' in 1958.

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CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS SHOW BIGOTRY IN PROTESTING 'BIGOTRY'. Over in the city of New Brunswick, N.J., is the placid campus of Rutgers University. Douglass College, the women's college of Rutgers, has an enrollment of some 1,700 young women. Into this peaceful, last March, came a blast from the Catholic War Veterans of Middlesex County: a 'blast' was in the form of a resolution demanding an investigation of the Dean of the College as well as what they termed the faculty 'censor'. Reason for the 'blast' was a 'satirical' poem, written by one of the young ladies; it appeared in the winter issue of the literary magazine of the student body. The CWV termed the 'satire' as 'ill-advised'.

Any intelligent person knows, a 'satire' is a poem or prose work used to expose or discredit vice, folly, etc. To the student body, such a work is intended to point up the weakness of human society for the purpose of stimulating the thought-processes to cause the eventual

eradication of the evil itself. Apparently, the CWV took it at 'face-value' and judged it in terms to their own detriment and disadvantage.

As a spokesman for Rutgers said: 'The use of the word 'censor' (by the CWV) is revealing that it points up very clearly the difference of those protesting and the university's stand on free expression and free press within the bounds of decency'. (The University has no 'censor' it has a faculty adviser.-ED.)

The author of the poem said: 'This was a satirical attack on bigotry. I can't comprehend how it could be misunderstood. The poem isn't subtle. It's a sledge hammer - it hits you right over the head. The very language....-its use of bad grammar....indicates it was a portrait of a blind, prejudiced human being.....it was so understood by the audience to whom a college literary magazine directs itself.'

A few stanzas of the poem here follow: -

And may God bless our good, bold flag,	Bless every stripe and star on her
And keep her for Americans	And not for any foreigner.
We don't want no Dagos	They're a crumby group
And we don't want no God-damned Jews	Drinking noodle soup.
The hell with all the Irish.	Get rid of all the Swedes.
And every Catholic should be hung	By his own rosary beads.

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GALLI-CURCI GIVES \$250,000 TO 'BISHOP'S SCHOOL FOR GIRLS'. A gift of close to \$250,000 has been made by Mme. Amelita Galli-Curci, the famed concert and operatic soprano of this century, to provide a music concert hall and arts auditorium for the Bishop's School for girls in La Jolla, Calif.

The former operatic star said that the Bishop's School reminded her of the school she attended in Milan as a child; she added that the School's motto of 'Simplicity - Sincerity - Serenity' has been her motto also, all thru her life.

Episcopal Bishop Bloy, president of the board of the school, said 'it is impossible to express the great feeling of gratitude.....it is our hope that Mme. Galli-Curci will permit us to name the structure she is endowing 'The Amelita Galli-Curci Concert Hall' and in this way memorialize her unequalled yet natural talent, her gracious yet determined spirit, her significant yet unassuming generosity as a lasting inspiration to all who visit the campus of the Bishop's School.'

- Mme. Galli-Curci is a living legend in the world of music. Entirely self-taught, she was gifted with the rare ability of being able to memorize an entire operatic score overnight. Her U.S. debut in 1916 was at the Chicago Opera House, where the audience responded with more than 50 curtain calls. Presently, she resides in an Italian-style farmhouse, built by her late husband, Homer Samuels, at Rancho Santa Fe.

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EPISCOPAL BISHOP DE WOLFE HITS AT DOUBT ON VIRGIN BIRTH. Protestant Episcopal Bishop J.P. De Wolfe of Long Island, N.Y., has chided Bishop James A. Pike of California for questioning the doctrine of the Virgin Birth of Christ.

No bishop of the Anglican communion, Bishop De Wolfe said, in a pastoral letter, 'has the authority to revise the faith of this Church, either by adding to it or subtracting from it ...



bishops especially belongs the guardianship and proclamation of the faith.....up to the present time, the Church has never interpreted the definition so as to negate the doctrine of the Trinity; the birth of the Incarnate God, the Son, of a woman, who was a virgin; the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead; or the essential dependence of the structure and operation of the Church upon bishops and the apostolic ministry.'

Bishop Pike, on hearing of the statement of Bishop De Wolfe, said he was in 'no fundamental disagreement' with the thoughts expressed, that there is a wide range of interpretation allowed in Anglicanism. Previously, Bishop Pike had said he considered the Virgin Birth to be a 'myth introduced to explain in picture language the dual nature of Christ'.

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**AMERICAN CHURCH ARCHITECTURE DISCUSSED BY ARCHITECTS.** The 21st Annual Meeting of the National Conference on Church Architecture, Pittsburgh, Pa., convened last week; some 1,200 delegates were in attendance. The main theme of the Conference was the 'evolution' of American church architecture.

Mr. M. Taylor, architect and theologian, said that 'there has been some relatively good architecture in both Protestantism and Rome. But there have been far too many monstrosities and elements on both sides of the house and not enough good churches on either side.' He added that church should not be built to look like a super-market, a skating rink, or the 'brick pylon' of the United Nations building with a cross added.' He said that four cardinal principles were essential part of any church structure: i. functional without being a religious factory; ii. substantial and stable without being permanent; iii. pleasing and attractive; iv. acknowledging tradition without being archaic.

Mr. A. Sovick, architect from Northfield, Minn., said that church buildings 'like the community of believers, ought to be primarily concerned with ideas.....it ought to communicate and not just shelter the bodies. If it doesn't function this way, it isn't very functional.....the church should be gotten rid of and the whole church made into a chancel....we must abandon the ideas of current design like dramatic windows and skylights, as well as the traditional choir stalls, deep chancels.....(the long, narrow church should become)....not necessarily circular, but not necessarily square, but certainly of this character'.

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**THE FIRST STUDENT OF NON-GREEK DESCENT TO GRADUATE FROM GREEK SEMINARY.** The Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Theological School, Brookline, Mass., will graduate its first student of non-Greek descent this June. The student, a young French-Canadian by the name of James J. Laliberte, is a convert to Orthodoxy.

Mr. Laliberte, of Quebec, Canada, entered the Seminary in September, 1955, and was converted into Orthodoxy in October of the same year by Metropolitan Athenagoras of Canada, who was then the Bishop of the New England Diocese. Whilst pursuing his studies, during the intervening years, the seminarian has held a position as choirmaster of Holy Trinity Albanian Orthodox Church in South Boston, Mass., during 1958-59; he has also participated, as a speaker at numerous banquets and other gatherings, before Orthodox groups, throughout the years.

Traditionally, since its foundation in 1937, the Holy Cross Theological School has maintained Greek as its official language. Converts, however, have never been barred from the serving ranks of the clergy of the Greek Church; but, the presence of Mr. Laliberte as a graduate student is quite striking, because, previously, the student body has been completely of Greek background.

Of interest, it must be noted that two converts are presently serving in the Greek Archdiocese; they are - Archimandrites Theodoritos A. Dymek, Moline, Ill., and Paul de Ballester Convalier, Scranton, Pa. Both of these clergy are fluent in the Greek language. Father Dymek is of Polish descent and served as archdeacon to Patriarch Athenagoras I when the latter was Archbishop of the Americas. Father de Ballester Convalier is from Spain, but is also a graduate of Halki Theological Seminary, Istanbul. - ED.



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The termination of the procession, within the church once more, the 'epitaph' is taken from under, or ark, and placed on the Holy Table, where it remains until 'Christ has Ascended'; Ascension, of course, is the 40th day after Easter. The flowers are distributed to the members of the community.

Father Constantine Pappas, the priest shown in the picture here, is only one of thousands of Orthodox priests, thruout the world, that perform this remembrance service in the various Orthodox Churches; whether they be Russian, Greek, Syrian, Serbian, Romanian, Albanian, Rumanian, Carpatho-Russian, or other of the national Orthodox jurisdictions, the Faith is the same, the tradition constant, and the meaning clear - 'Christ has Risen'.

Father Papademetriou, of Ft.Worth's, Texas, Greek Orthodox St. Demetrios Church, said: Easter is the most important Holy Day in the Orthodox Church.....in its significance is the foundation of the Christian religion.....St.Paul said, our Faith is vain without the resurrection of Jesus Christ.....The Christian Pascha is not simply Easter, but the Lord's Supper, crucifixion and resurrection....they must all be taken as one, in significance.....in the sufferings of Jesus Christ, our own sufferings have meaning'. (Father Papademetriou was born in Tasos, Greece, and is a graduate of Holy Cross Seminary, Brookline, Mass., where he was ordained in June. He has the care of three Greek communities: Ft.Worth, Wichita Falls, and Waco. Father is a priest in Clairton, Pa. The Ft.Worth church has 170 communicants)

Bishop Iakovos, in his Easter message, said, in reference to Christ's Resurrection: 'do we really and truly share the faith that there is no death? Does this belief...direct our actions and thoughts? Or do we interpret everything in terms of comfort and material welfare...yielding our principles and beliefs....?'

Archbishop Athenagoras said, in his Easter message, 'Our inability to solve problems...stems from...spiritual and ethical anarchy and disorder and deviation from the...ideals which Christ offered the world.'

From the historical standpoint, it is always of interest to note variations between East and West; in this case, on the facts supporting the choice of the Easter dates and observances. For instance, originally, the early Christians only observed a 40 hour fast before Easter; the Second Ecumenical Council changed this to a forty day fast, plus the Holy Week. Regarding the date that Easter shall be kept, the Councils decreed that Easter must come after: i. The first full moon after the vernal Equinox of March 21st ii. It shall be on the Sunday after that full moon iii. It shall be after the Jewish Passover (One must note here, also, that the Eastern Church participated in this Council and recognized its decrees; yet, as is often common with Rome, she refuses to adhere to Apostolic and Ecumenical tradition. Her failure in Easter observance is that of not practicing the third item above.)

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Last month, the Orthodox Christian Education Commission met at the Interchurch Center in New York City for a Study Conference on Curriculum for Orthodox Church Schools. The Commission was founded in 1954 to act as a coordinating body for the various Orthodox Church Education groups; the work involves assembling and reviewing publications that contain material relative to Orthodoxy; the promoting and advancing of Orthodox Christian Education teaching methods; and the promoting of the publication of Church School materials. To fulfill these aims, the Commission convenes annually. Also, for the past five years, a semi-annual 'Bulletin' is published, with a circulation of about 700; it contains vital and helpful articles for the teacher of such Church classes. In addition, a 'Teacher Training Manual' has also been published; it contains the accumulated findings of the Commission - it is presently in its 2nd printing. As a result of this latest 'Study Conference', curriculum outlines will be distributed to various Orthodox parishes. This is the first serious attempt to present a 'unified Orthodox curriculum', usable by all the various Orthodox jurisdictions and national bodies.

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